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**In the Specification:**

Amend paragraph 3 beginning on page 7, line 23 as follows:

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al The transfer case 214, Fig. 13, houses the noted power transfer rotary drive member. The transfer case is mounted to at least one and preferably both of second transmission 128 and CVT mounting case 148 for enhanced rigidity of the combination of the CVT mounting case and components mounted thereto, namely engine 122, second transmission 128 and transfer case 214. This combination is further preferred for bearing drivetrain and load related stress. Driveshaft 138 is mounted to the transfer case in journaled relation at bearing 216. Driveshaft ~~148~~140 is mounted to the transfer case in journaled relation at bearing 218, and is mounted to the CVT mounting case in journaled relation at bearing 220, Fig. 19. Driveshaft 140 may be connected to a further forwardly extending driveshaft 222 by a universal joint 224. The CVT mounting case includes a protective shroud 226 partially covering driveshaft 140.

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